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Editor Mitchell's Long Journey.

In New Orleans.—The Remarkable Southern City. The Pythian Temple.—Colored People Not Patronizing It Properly.

A FINE STRUCTURE.

(Continued From Last Week.)

We were soon standing in the Chicago Hotel of which Mr. A. O. Smith is proprietor. It is located at 202 S. Rampart St. The octoroon waitress informed us that he had not arisen, but that Mrs. Smith would come in and see us. She was originally from Virginia and to say that she was glad to meet us expresses it mildly. We decided to see some of the sights of the city at once and on our own hook.

A PECULIAR CITY.

We found New Orleans of a kind and character quite at variance with the city of our imagination. It is quaint and possesses many of the characteristics of Norfolk, Va. We visited the Pythian Temple and we found a seven-story brick structure of yellow fire-proof brick. Its main handicap is the narrowness of Gravier and Saratoga Streets at this point. The best view is from the rear as seen from Canal Street just two blocks beyond.

A FIRE PROOF STRUCTURE.

With the exception of one store, used as a barber shop for colored people all of the others are vacant. The entrance on Saratoga Street seems to be the main one. The floor is of tile. All the other floors are laid in cement. A room has been left and a concrete vault built for the future bank, which has not as yet been organized.

Mr. R. L. Hill, the janitor showed us to the roof. This is laid in tile and covered with a plank floor, which has been oiled. A fringe of incandescent lights are to be seen at the top. There is no covering and the roof garden may be used only in clear weather.

MANY OFFICES VACANT.

The lodge rooms are well lighted and furnished. They have fire-proof floors. The Knights of Pythias, Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges meet here. We counted 14 Pythian lodges, 8 Masonic lodges and many other organizations. Only seven of the offices have been rented out of the 21 offices. There are only eight lodge rooms. The theatre is a unique feature. It seats about 700 people. The stage is large and suited for first-class entertainments. The theatre is more on the order of a church than a play-house, the circular galleries being discarded.

UP-TO-DATE EQUIPMENT.

We inspected the basement. It is provided with two furnaces for heating and here may be seen the electric switches as well as the elevator machinery. A well to receive all drainage water and an automatic pump to carry this water to the sewer above are also features. Were this not so the basement would be filled with water.

The cost of the building is (\$200,000) two hundred thousand dollars. To meet this expense one hundred thousand dollars worth of gold bonds were issued. They bear six per cent interest. This issue has been supplemented by the floating of a loan of (\$75,000) seventy-five thousand dollars, which cost (\$7,500) seven thousand, five hundred dollars per year for interest and brokerage or six hundred and twenty-five dollars per month.

MANAGER COOKE'S POSITION.

Even this amount has not been sufficient to meet the heavy demands made upon the management and steps are being taken to raise more money to meet the expense of this great undertaking. We met Mr. John W. Cooke, clad in spick and span, just after we left the Pythian Temple building. He was on his way to his office. He is a typical Louisianian of color and our conversation drifted to the great work he had in charge.

WILL DO HIS BEST.

He spoke too of the failure of the colored people to properly patronize the venture which was indeed a monument to the race. We were deeply

impressed with him as a man who would do his best to bring success to a venture which had drafted so heavily upon the financial resources of the Pythians of the State.

PARK FOR NEGROES PROPOSITION KILLED.

Committee Decides Adversely.

The Blake "park for Negroes" measure was killed by the grounds and buildings committee of the council at last night's meeting. The ordinance was rejected by a vote of 9 to 1.

Mr. Blake announced that he would offer another ordinance, providing for a park for colored people exclusively in the middle of the old Jackson ward district. —News-Leader, September 30, 1910.

JUDGE WANTED NO ONE IN COURT CARRYING PISTOLS.

Ben Pettis, Colored, Charged With Assault to Murder, Was Acquitted. W. Brown Given Liberty.

Houston, Texas, September 27.—Judge Norman G. Kittrell, presiding over the Criminal District Court in the absence of Judge Cornelius Robinson, made an order on Tuesday afternoon that created something of a sensation among the attaches and frequenters of the courthouse. Judge Kittrell declared from the bench that he wanted no one in his court carrying pistols, and he reinforced the declaration by remarking that it applied to police officers, deputy sheriffs, constables and deputy constables. Several policemen who were present to testify in cases on call left the room, but the deputy sheriff on duty remained in the court room and kept his pistol buckled around his waist.

The incident came up during the trial of Ben Pettis, a Negro, charged with assault to murder. It was alleged that Pettis took several shots at Police Officers Moody, Lockhart and Bishop. Officer Bishop was in the witness chair and counsel for the defendant called the court's attention to the fact that Bishop was carrying a gun. The remarks from the bench were then uttered. Later on Judge Kittrell instructed the jury to return a verdict of acquittal, which was done.

Entering a plea of poverty in extenuation for his act, W. Brown, charged with stealing a coat from the Standard Hotel, was given his liberty and John Weidemeyer, charged with burglary, was tried before a jury who turned him loose.

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RESISTING NEGRO IS FATALLY SHOT.

County Constable D. L. Temple Fires Twice Upon Charles Johnson.

Charles Johnson, a giant Negro, was shot twice fatally by D. L. Temple, Henrico county constable, at 8:15 o'clock this morning while the officer was attempting to place the prisoner under arrest.

Johnson resisted and placed his hand in his hip pocket, as though he would draw a pistol. Constable Temple then fired upon the Negro twice, each ball taking deadly effect.

The wounded man was at once placed in a buggy and driven rapidly to Henrico county courthouse, where he was met by an ambulance which took him to the colored hospital at the city home.

Constable Temple said this morning that Johnson was in the act of breaking his way into the home of a Negro woman, Mary Wallace, on Bolling Green road in Henrico, when he approached and attempted to place the man under arrest. Johnson struck at the officer and made the fatal gesture. Temple then fired and Johnson fell.

The first ball struck the Negro in the thigh, the second penetrated the cavity of the stomach, lacerating the intestines. Constable Temple, who did the shooting, is himself still filled with shot received by him September 9th of last year, when Charles Dean, a white youth, fired upon him.

RICHMOND NEGRO BANKER.

President of Strong Colored Institute Spent Night in City.

John Mitchell, Jr., the only Negro member of the American Bankers' Association, spent last night in Houston on his way to the annual convention of the Association at Los Angeles, Cal.

Mitchell is president of the Mechanics' Savings Bank of Richmond, Va. This institution is capitalized at \$100,000 and owns \$120,000.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

—Miss Ethel Bowler who has been extremely ill is improving.

Lawyer John H. Berry of Washington, D. C. spent a delightful trip in our city.

—Miss Ethel and Mr. Scott Gwathmey are quite sick at their parents' residence, 805 N. 30th St.

—Mr. E. L. Hunt of Oxford, N. C. visited our office in company with Mr. Thomas J. Blackwell.

—Messrs. George L. Coleman, James Boulden and Stanhope Flournoy of Randolph, Va. were here to the Fair this week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Warner Carter tendered an informal tea Friday night September 30th at their residence, 616 Harrison St., in honor of Rev. L. A. Perkins, B. D., and his sister, Miss Cordelia L. Perkins.

Several of their friends were present and spent a very pleasant evening and fully enjoyed the excellently prepared viands from the heavily laden table.

—The Concert given by Madam P. R. Smith, October 3, 1910 for the benefit of River-view Baptist Church was a grand success. A large crowd was present, many white friends. The Grand March led by Mrs. P. R. Smith was a special feature.

5TH ST. BAPT. CHURCH.

Located at Cor. 5th and Jackson Sts., RICHMOND, VA.

Weekly News Column.

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Next Sunday will be a great day at Fifth Street Baptist Church. Pastor Rev. Dr. W. F. Graham will preach morning and night. He will tell also of his trip and the incidents connected therewith. A large congregation is expected. Come out and hear for yourself.

Last Sunday Rev. W. W. Wines, Jr. again occupied the pulpit. He preached morning and night. Both sermons were excellent. Dr. Wines made many friends by the plain way in which he spoke. His ideas and opinions were well received. There were cries of amen, truth, etc. heard during the sermons. He left Monday to resume his pastorate in his own church. The Fifth Street Baptist Church wishes him success.

The choir as usual held its own. In the morning Miss Liberta Walker sang a sweet solo. She has a fine voice for singing and all enjoyed the melody of music from her voice mingled with that from the organ, Miss Edmonia Anderson organist, presiding.

At night "Little" Joe Matthews, the well-known soloist by request sang one of his choicest hymns. Well did it suit the sermon preached by the Rev. Wines, Jr. The entire services of the day were grand.

(Promptly at 9:30 o'clock Supt. Prof. B. H. Peyton opened Sunday School. Many of the officers and teachers answered the roll call. Next Sunday we hope all will be present at 9:30 o'clock. There is no good reason why Sunday School teachers and officers should not be present at the opening of the school. All of our Sunday Schools would be much better if punctuality was more strictly observed. The time has come when those who lead must do so in deed and in truth. Let the officers and teachers do their full duty and also call upon the parents to do theirs by sending the children to Sunday School on time. The school is gradually increasing along all lines. Come out early Sunday morning.—Estelle D. Ward.)

Come out to the Prayer Service next Wednesday night. Pastor will be present and wants to see you at this meeting. He has something to say to you. Come out and hear what it is. Hear for yourself and then you'll know.

B. Y. P. U. meeting nights, Friday night of each week. President John W. Howard wants to see every member next Friday night. Come out at 8:30 o'clock.

Don't forget Rally on the Fourth Sunday. Let every member comply with the Request of the Church.

DAVIS—Fell peacefully asleep in Jesus Wednesday, October 5th, 9:23 A. M. Mrs. Alice Davis, aged 42 years. She had been a great sufferer for three years, but her illness was borne with patience and meekness, and she died fully trusting our Blessed Saviour.

She leaves three distressed daughters, a mother and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

"Oh, mother thy gentle voice is hushed.
Thy warm true heart is still;
And on thy pale and peaceful face
Is resting death's cold chill.

"Thy hands are clasped upon thy breast,
We have kissed thy loving brow,
And in our aching hearts we know
We have no mother now."

Funeral from Sharon Baptist Church Sunday, 11 A. M.

HER CHILDREN.

WANTED—Agents to sell new towns in the Oil Fields of Oklahoma. Reference required. M. O. & G. Town Co., 646 Randolph Building Memphis, Tenn. 3t

Secretary Jordan's Notes.

He loved the people. Forgetting his supposed superiority and remembering, "That God hath made of one blood, all nations that dwell on the face of the earth." He was enabled to help the Africans because he loved them.

"Oh, that I had a thousand lives and a thousand bodies, all of them should be devoted to no other employment but to preach Christ to these degraded, despised, yet beloved mortals."—Robert Moffat.

At the National Convention held in New Orleans, the Foreign Mission Board reported for the year, three school buildings finished, two church houses finished, twenty-six thousand, two hundred and ninety-nine dollars and fifty-four cents (\$26,299.54) collected, and better still, the conversion and baptizing of one thousand, and eleven (1011) souls in lands beyond the sea.

We write these notes from West Virginia. Professor Prillerman, President of this splendid state school, is making himself largely responsible for the education of Robert Simms one of the young men we brought over from Africa in 1905. This young man finishes the Academic Department this year. In the Industrial Department of this school, has been manufactured a light provision wagon for our school at Middletown, South Africa. This wagon will, D. V., be shipped to that school within the next few weeks. West Virginia will pay for this wagon and in the years that are to come, it will be doing its missionary work in the hearts and lives of the givers, as well as in the services rendered in benighted Africa.

Rev. Jeremiah N. Monze, A. B., the African brother who was ordained at the National Baptist Convention, is now enroute for the East and will hold some meetings under the direction of the Board preparatory for sailing to Africa during the month of November. We are hoping that our plan will work out, and that he will get away to begin his life's work among the millions in that "Fatherland."

The Budget for Foreign Missions for the Convention yet ending August, 1911 is thirty-five thousand, three hundred and fifty-eight dollars and four cents (\$35,358.04). We have pledged to the amount of six thousand, one hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$6,135.00) secured in 1909; pledges secured at New Orleans and others for the month of September amounting to three thousand, two hundred dollars (\$3,200) making a total of nine thousand, three hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$9,335) pledged on the amount of portion for this year's work. If you as a pastor, have not made a pledge for your church, will you not write us a letter at once and let us put your church on the list for twenty-five, fifty or one hundred dollars to be paid between this and the 31st of August 1911?

We should like to have the entire twenty-five thousand dollars pledged by the last of November. We call upon the deacons and church clerks, to add their pastors in securing this pledge. We believe the people will give the money, if their attention is properly called on it.

The Foreign Mission Board at New Orleans voted us a thirty days vacation. We shall not be able to take it, and yet under God, we are getting together what rest we can, and still keep pegging away at the task which lies before us.

A letter from Mr. Lewis G. Bouyer notifies us that his two younger brothers are enroute for this country. Dr. Pettiford has arranged to pay the schooling of one at State University, Louisville, Kentucky. Professor Hope takes the other to Atlanta Baptist College. We ask the prayers of our United Baptist Zion for these young men as well as the other students being trained under the auspices of the Board.

If you do not send us a contribution to New Orleans, will you send it to the office at once. There has been no time in the history of our work when the burdens and responsibilities were greater than at this time. Unless those who love the Lord rally to the needs of our Missionary Cause, it must suffer. As you value your own Christian life and love Him whom you call Lord and Master, we plead with you—Give us something for "the work."

Yours in his name,
L. G. JORDAN.

WANTED—Colored organizers for Ancient and Honorable Imperial Sabans, the oldest and greatest social fraternal order on Earth. Write to Lock Box 116, South Bend, Indiana. 3t



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THE PATENT LEATHER DANGER.

worth of property in Richmond. It was chartered on January 1, 1902, under the laws of Virginia and is the strongest and richest Negro savings institution in the country.

The bank, acting under Mitchell's direction, recently completed a four-story bank building, which is one of the finest of the small banks in Richmond.

While in this city Mitchell was the guest of Charles N. Love, 1407 Meyer Street.—Houston Post, Sept. 28.

Colored Boy Killed Under Car Wheels

Dropping off a westbound car on which he is said to have been stealing a ride, Charles Clarke, 13 years old, colored, stepped directly in the path of an eastbound trolley at Twenty-second and Venable streets last night and was crushed to death.

Coroner Taylor will hold an inquest to-morrow. Motorman W. E. Bottoms and Conductor J. T. Cooke have been bailed in the sum of \$500 for their appearance.

The accident occurred at 9 o'clock. The boy's body became jammed beneath the guard of the forward trucks and was extricated with some difficulty.

In imposing a small fine on several boys in police court Tuesday morning Justice Crutchfield warned them of the desperate chances they were taking in stealing rides on street cars.

with a shotgun loaded with No. six shot. For some weeks the constable lingered between life and death. He finally left his bed, but is not as yet recovered from his wounds.

Charles Johnson, the Negro twice wounded in Henrico county by Constable D. L. Temple yesterday, is reported to be in a critical condition and it is understood that a warrant will be served upon Constable Temple the moment the Negro dies.

The man, who was shot while resisting arrest, lies in the Negro hospital at the city home with his intestines perforated in eight places and he is not expected to recover. He was wounded once in the hip while the second ball pierced the abdominal cavity and lacerated his intestines badly.

The shooting occurred yesterday morning at 8:15 o'clock when Temple had been called upon by a Negro woman to place the man under arrest for housebreaking.

—News-Leader, October 4, 1910.

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